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MEMORANDUM FOR Chief, Office of the Quartermaster General, Regimental Office U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School, Fort Lee, Virginia 23801-1601

SUBJECT: Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment Nomination

- 1. It is my distinct honor and privilege to nominate Chief Warrant Officer Five Vickie A. Vachon for selection as a Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment for the year 2007. CW5 Vachon has over 30 years of distinguished service to the Quartermaster Corps in which she has proven to be a true "Warrior Logistician".
- 2. CW5 Vachon's resume of accomplishments (attached) are unequalled by her peers and she serves as a model for the younger Warrant Officers in today's Army. CW5 Vachon's outstanding performance while serving in a multitude of units led to her selection for an assignment at the Logistics Support Agency (LOGSA), Redstone Arsenal, Alabama with duty at Fort Lee to serve as the OIC for the newly established Disaster Recovery Site (DRS) that has been recently activated at the United States Army Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee. There, she is responsible for 10 CTASC, 3 Middleware and 1 Radiance server that will be activated in response to a disaster at Redstone Arsenal.
- 3. I have known CW5 Vachon for over 4 years. She has been one of my mentors. Vickie leads from the front and has always leads by example. She has inspired me to be the best that I can be. Her unwavering selfless service to the nation, the United States Army and the Quartermaster Corps has been admirable. During both garrison and war-time operations, CW5 Vachon have consistently delivered outstanding results in getting the mission accomplished. Through her superior technical skills and leadership, she continually instilled sound logistical programs in units whereby the results led to unit recognition awards and real-world sustainment.
- 4. CW5 Vachon has served the Quartermaster Corps well and has clearly distinguished herself as an outstanding Quartermaster worthy of being recognized as a "Distinguished Member of the Regiment". I highly recommend that CW5 Vickie A. Vachon be selected and inducted as a Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment.

JUDITH STEPHENS

CW4, USA

Quartermaster Warrant Officer Proponent

#### CW5 Vickie Arnold Vachon

# **Biographical Data**

NAME: Vickie Arnold Vachon

RANK: CW5

BIRTHDATE: 30 June 1958

BIRTH PLACE: Middletown, NY

ACTIVE SERVICE DATES: 22 Oct 1976 to Present

CURRENT ADDRESS: 28312 Petersburg Road Waverly, VA 23890

### LIST OF SIGNIFICANT MILITARY DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal (with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal (3 Bronze Clasp), National defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (with Bronze Star), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Non Commissioned Officers Professional Development Award (Number 2), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2 tours), NATO Medal, Air Assault Badge

HONORS:

Member of the Order of St Martin

#### EDUCATION:

Military: DAS3/DS4 Operator Course, 1987

Warrant Officer Candidate School, 1987

Warrant Officer Basic Course, 1987

Air Assault School, 1988

Supply/Service Management Officers Course, 1990

Warrant Officer Advance Course, 1995 Warrant Officer Senior Course, 2000

Warrant Officer Senior Staff Course, 2003

• Civilian: Attended Ashworth College

### LIST OF SIGNIFICANT ASSIGNMENTS/DUTY POSITIONS:

May 1976 Entered the Army on Delayed Entry Program

Oct-Dec 1976 Completed Basic Training at Fort Jackson, SC

Jan-Feb 1977 Completed Basic Electronics Course at Fort

Jackson , SC

Feb- Jun 1977 Completed Teletype Repair AIT at Fort

Gordon, GA

Jun77-Dec 80 Assigned to Fort Bragg, NC

Feb-Mar 1980 Completed Stock Control and Accounting AIT,

Fort Lee Va

Jan 80-Oct 85 Assigned to DECA Europe

Dec 85-Jan 87 Assigned to Fort Drum, NY as Item Manager for newly forming  $10^{\,\mathrm{th}}$  Mountain Div

Jan-Feb 87 Completed Warrant Officer Entry Course, Aberdeen Proving Grounds , Maryland

Feb-May 1987 Completed Warrant Officer Basic Course, Fort Lee, VA

Jun 1987- Nov 1990 Assigned as Accountable Officer, Executive Officer and MMC Chief for units within 101<sup>st</sup> DISCOM Fort Campbell, Kentucky

1990-1991 Assigned to Camp Casey Korea as the DAS3/DS4 Officer

1991-1995 Assigned to  $10^{\rm th}$  Mountain Division as Accountable Officer

1995-2000 Assigned to 127<sup>th</sup> Aviation Battalion, Hanau Germany as Accountable Officer and Support Operations Supply Technician

2000-2004 Assigned to Fort Lee , VA as Chief of Staff , Army Supply Excellence Award Senior Supply Support Technician and Department Chief

2004-2006 Assigned to Fort Bragg  $1^{\rm st}$  COSCOM and later  $1^{\rm st}$  TSC as Senior Supply Technician in charge of Corp/Theater Automated Data Processing Service Center

2006 to Present Assigned to Fort Lee, VA as the Disaster Recovery Site OIC for the Corp/Theater Automated Data Processing Service Center



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28 January 2005

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

COL Timothy Cornett
Director of Strategic Logistics
US Army Peacekeeping &
Stability Operations Institute

CW5 Michael E. Toter
Quartermaster Regimental Chief Warrant Officer
Office of the Quartermaster General
Regimental Office
U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School
Fort Lee, Virginia 23801-1601

I am proud to tender my sincerest nomination that Chief Warrant Officer Five (CW5) Vickie Arnold Vachon be immediately selected for induction as a Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment. During the more than ten years I have known CW5 Vachon she has consistently excelled in providing unwavering selfless service to the Nation, the United States Army and the Quartermaster Corps. CW5 Vachon is a consummate technician and an inspiring leader. She is the epitome of the 'Warrior Logistician'.

Frequently during her remarkable career, CW5 Vachon has answered the call of duty, which required her to deploy in harms way and accomplish the mission under the most difficult conditions. In every case, her expertise and inspirational leadership insured responsive supply support and the safe return of her soldiers. As her Battalion Commander while deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina, I relied heavily on CW5 Vickie Vachon to both run the largest forward deployed Supply Support Activity and to mentor newly assigned Quartermaster Lieutenants. I know two of these officers were very successful Company Commanders during *Operation Iraqi Freedom* thanks in large part to CW5 Vachon's example and guidance. Clearly, she has made a significant and lasting contribution to the Quartermaster Corps history of "Supporting Victory."

CW5 Vachon's career record (attached) also includes many admirable achievements that go beyond her unit and mission. She is a long-time active member of the United States Army Warrant Officers Association, in which she has often provided leadership and service as a Chapter Officer. CW5 Vachon has generously and effectively devoted her time to this professional association, and has been untiring in her support and advocacy of community outreach programs. While assigned in Germany, in 1998 and 1999 she spearheaded a Chapter sponsored program that provided soldiers with "no-

questions-asked free transportation" home from holiday parties. While assigned to Fort Bragg, she assisted with Chapter support to an Amateur Youth Association Junior Olympic Program. CW5 Vachon represents the very best qualities as an involved and caring leader committed to making a difference in the lives of the people in her community, military and civilian.

Finally, during my over twenty years as a Multifunctional Logistician I have met few Aviation, Ordnance or Quartermaster Warrant Officers that can come close to equaling the dedication, expertise and professionalism of CW5 Vickie Vachon. Even though more than six years have passed since I had the honor to serve in a unit with Vickie, I retain the fullest confidence and highest respect in her. I think there is no one more deserving of the recognition of being selected as a Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment than CW5 Vickie Vachon.

If there is anything more you need with regard to this nomination, do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 717-245-3289. You can also reach me by email at: timothy.cornett@us.army.mil.

Sincerely.

TIMOTHY R. CORNETT Colonel, US Army



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23 January 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School (Regimental Officer (Honors Program)), 1201 22d Street, Fort Lee, VA 23801-1601

SUBJECT: Nomination for Distinguished Member of the Regiment (DMOR)

- 1. It is with great pleasure that I add my support to the recommendation of CW5 Vickie Vachon as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment. She is one of the most talented people I have had the pleasure of working with and she cares very deeply about our country. I have known Vickie for over eight years, two of which were as her supervisor, and I worked closely with her on a daily basis on a variety of issues at other times. The following paragraphs briefly describe some of the history and talents of this outstanding Soldier and leader.
- 2. CW5 Vachon's contributions are too numerous to list here but, some highlights include her service as the Chief, Chief of Staff, Army, Supply Excellence Award (SEA) program. In that capacity Vickie worked diligently with all of the major Army commands, the National Guard Bureau (NGB) and Office of the Chief Army Reserve (OCAR) to improve the fairness of the evaluation process. She coordinated the annual SEA Award ceremony and recognition banquet bringing in awardees from worldwide locations. Her efforts resulted in numerous "atta boys" up to the General Officer level. Vickie has been chosen as the Chief of the CTAS, which will be located at Fort Lee and serve as the backup to the CTAS located at the Logistics Support Activity (LOGSA) in Huntsville, Alabama. This, again, demonstrates the esteem in which our senior logistics leaders hold CW5 Vachon. She seeks hard assignments and excels in her duties.
- 3. CW5 Vachon is very active in both the military and civilian communities. She is involved in the Habitat for Humanity Program, spending numerous weekends building and repairing homes for needy people. She is also a very active member of the United States Army Warrant Officer Association and participates on many committees and events. Without question, CW5 Vachon has had a tremendous positive impact on Soldiers and our civilian community.

4. I strongly endorse, recommend and support CW5 Vachon's selection as a Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment.

OBERT GOWIN

CW5, QM

Distinguished Member of the

Regiment, 2001

# NOMINATION OF CW5 VICKIE ARNOLD VACHON FOR SELECTION AND INDUCTION AS A DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE QUARTERMASTER REGIMENT

CW5 Vickie Arnold Vachon entered active duty in 1976 and accepted an appointment to Warrant Officer in 1987. Since her appointment, as a Supply Support Technician, she has distinguished herself in a variety of challenging and critical assignments in several theaters, during peace and war. CW5 Vachon is currently assigned at the Corp/Theater Automated Data Processing Service Center Disaster Recovery Site (CTASC DRS), Fort Lee, VA.

From 1987 to 1991, she served as Division Material Management Center Class IX Chief with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, KY, as Accountable Officer for the 801<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Battalion Class IX and Missile warehouse, Accountable Officer for 426<sup>th</sup> Supply and Transportation Battalion. In this capacity she led the rewarehousing of all supplies making operations more efficient for both customers and soldiers. Every Department of the Army goal was consistently achieved or exceeded while she was in charge. Placing full confidence in CW5 Vachon, the Battalion Commander selected her to serve as the Battalion Executive Officer Rear Detachment during Operations Desert Storm and Shield. She was responsible for nine warehouses, unit property, facilities, soldier training, family support as well as assistance to reserve units preparing for deployment.

From 1991 to 1992, CW5 Vachon served as the Direct Support-unit Standard Supply System (DS4) and Decentralized Automated Service Support Systems (DAS3) Officer for Division Support Command (DISCOM), 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, Republic of Korea. She was responsible for over 17,000 transactions a month for a Division Authorized Stockage List (ASL) of \$51 million. CW5 Vachon was instrumental in successfully establishing and testing the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) for the DAS3.

From 1992 to 1993 CW5 Vachon was assigned to the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division at Fort Drum, NY as the DMMC OIC of the Material Managers and was responsible for the deployment of the Class IX Main Warehouse to Somalia in support of Operation Restore Hope. Once the Main Warehouse was deployed, CW5 Vachon quickly reestablished a new Main Warehouse using the limited remaining resources. In recognition of her great skills, she was reassigned to the 710<sup>th</sup> Main Support Battalion as the Accountable Officer of the Main Warehouse. Despite personnel shortages and the hectic environment of a contingency response, she successfully deployed the entire Divisions ASL and SSA Platoon to Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti. CW5 Vachon was also able to move the warehouse to a new location and have it fully operational

within 12 hours. She expertly redeployed the ASL within 36 hours while maintaining repair part supply support to customer units.

From 1995 to 2000, CW5 Vachon was assigned to 127<sup>th</sup> Aviation Support Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, Hanau, Germany where she excelled as the Battalion Family Support Liaison Officer during the battalions deployment to Bosnia-Herzegovina for Operation Joint Endeavor. Eventually, CW5 Vachon was selected over 4 senior warrant officers by the DISCOM Commander to deploy to assist the DISCOM during the Division's switch over from the DS4 to Standard Army Retail Supply System-Objective (SARSS-O). Furthermore, the DISCOM Commander selected CW5 Vachon to oversee two additional rear warehouses while maintaining the Main Warehouse in Bosnia-Herzegovina. She ensured that all the Divisions SSA's were operated efficiently, both in Germany and Bosnia-Herzegovinia. During Operation Joint Guard CW5 Vachon spearheaded the establishment of the Aviation Intermediate Maintenance (AVIM) ASL supporting of 98 combat aircraft, 1,500 wheeled vehicles and 98 customers. After redeployment to Germany, CW5 Vachon's dedication to excellence, hard work and focused training resulted in her SSA receiving a "Commendable" in the DISCOM Command Inspection.

From 2000 to 2004, CW5 Vachon was selected by the Department of the Army to be an Evaluator on the Chief of Staff, Army Supply Excellence Award Team. During this strategic assignment, she trained, mentored and assessed the Army's active and reserve component Supply Support Activities mission accomplishment. She was also instrumental in the revision of DA Pamphlet 710-2-1 and DA Pamphlet 710-2-2. While serving on the Award Team, CW5 Vachon presented several excellent briefings on the Supply Excellence Award and encouraged many junior Supply Support Technician Warrant Officers to lead their units in taking on the challenge of achieving the Chief of Staff Army's recognition for supply excellence. CW5 Vachon received presentations of thanks from the commanders of nearly every evaluated unit, as well as the personal recognition from the Chief of Staff of the Army for her outstanding execution of the Army Supply Excellence Award program.

From 2004 to 2006 CW5 Vachon was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> COSCOM, 18<sup>th</sup> Airborne Corp Fort Bragg, NC and served as the OIC of the Corp/Theater Automated Data Processing Service Center (CTASC). She was responsible for all supply and financial transactions for the 18<sup>th</sup> Airborne Corp and the Multinational Forces and Observer mission in Egypt. CW5 Vachon was selected to participate in the Integrated Concept Team (ICT) directed by Army G-4 to plan and execute the collocation of 10 CTASC. to Redstone Arsenal. CW5 Vachon was also instrumental in transforming the 1<sup>st</sup> CASCOM CMMC to the 1<sup>st</sup> TSC. She ensured that the 18<sup>th</sup> Airborne Corp transferred their CTASC without any failure or degradation of support to customers. Her management skills and expert understanding of the CTASC led to her selection to run the Disaster Recovery Site (DRS) for all the CTASCs.

From 2006 to Present CW5 Vachon is the OIC of the newly established Disaster Recovery Site (DRS) that has been activated at Fort Lee, VA. She is responsible for the 10 CTASC, 3 Middleware and 1 Radiance server that will be activated in response

to a disaster at Redstone Arsenal. This strategic capability ensures that the Army supply system data will be preserved and logistic support will be uninterrupted. CW5 Vachon is responsible to prepare, implement and test all the procedures and policies to activate the DRS.

In summary, CW5 Vachon has served with distinction, honor and excellence in every assignment. In every instance, she has improved the quality of supply support by focusing on innovative methods of accomplishing the mission, setting the standard in training and caring for soldiers, and by providing inspirational leadership. CW5 Vachon has made numerous significant contributions to the Quartermaster Corps, and it is very fitting that she be inducted immediately as a Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment.

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